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1. IN MEETING WITH FRG ECONMIN OFFICIAL, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT FRG WILL EXERT A "MODERATING INFLUENCE" IN THE COMING EC COMMISSION WORK ON BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH TEXTILE EXPORTERS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN FRG AND U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE AND DURING RECENT MFA MEETINGS.

2. IN TRACING HISTORY OF PAST NEGOTIATIONS, SOURCE SAID THAT IN NEW ROUND OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, THE EC COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO TAKE A TOUGHER STAND. A LIST OF 8-10 "SENSITIVE" PRODUCTS INCLUDING COTTON YARN, TEE SHIRTS, AND SHIRTS HAS BEEN PREPARED. IN

THIS AREA, NO INCREASE IN IMPORTS WILL BE ALLOWED. EVEN IF MAIN EXPORTERS (HONG KONG, KOREA) ACCEPT NO INCREASE AND SPECIAL CONCESSIONS ARE MADE TO EC ASSOCIATES IN MEDITERRANEAN AND LOME COUNTRIES, THAT DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH ROOM FOR NEWCOMERS, E.G. PHILIPPINES.

- 3. SOURCE OUTLINED A TIMETABLE FOR COMMISSION. IN SEPTEMBER THE MANDATE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL BE DEVELOPED. BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER THEY LOOK FOR APPROVAL OF THIS MANDATE BY THE COUNCIL, WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.
- 4. THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE EC WILL PRESENT A FIXED POSITION WITH LITTLE OR NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE. SOURCE PREDICTS 4-5 MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONCLUDED ALLOWING END-OF-YEAR SIGNING OF MFA PROTOCOL.
- 5. REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED WAS FRG SUPPORT OF COMMISSION AND ITS INTENT TO EXERT A MODERATING INFLUENCE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.
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